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SUBJ: VORSTER DEFENDS HIS RACIAL POLICIES TO PARLIAMENT

1. ADDRESSING PARLIAMENT APRIL 19 DURING THE DEBATE ON HIS BUDGET, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER TOOK A RIGID, UNCOMPRO-MISING LINE IN DEFENDING SAG'S APARTHEID POLICY. VORSTER SAID NATIONAL PARTY WOULD MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT RACE POLICY AND HAS NO INTENTION OF TURNING SOUTH AFRICA INTO A MULTIRACIAL COUNTRY. VORSTER SAID SAG IS CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-WHITES AND IS ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION, WHICH EVENTUALLY WILL BE COMPLETELY ELIMANATED. HE LISTED SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AS AREAS IN WHICH SAG HAD GONE OUT OF ITS WAY TO ACCOMMODATE NON-WHITES.

2. VORSTER SAID THAT ONE OF BASIC POINTS OF NATIONAL PARTY POLICY WAS THAT HUMAN DIGNITY OF BLACK GROUPS AND THEIR LEADERS MUST BE RESPECTED, AND THAT "WE HAVE DONE NOTHING TO OFFEND THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY."
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SPEAKING OF HIS PAST NEGOTIATIONS WITH BLACK LEADERS HE STATED: "I SAY DIRECTLY THAT I DO NOT CRAWL WHEN I NEGOTIATE. I DO NOT GO TO GET ORDERS WHEN I NEGOTIATE AND I DO NOT SELL OUT ANYONE WHEN I NEGOTIATE."

3. MUCH OF DAY'S DEBATE CENTERED ON SAG REJECTION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THERON COMMISSION

REPORT ON COLORED POPULATION (76 CAPE TOWN 776, CAPE TOWN 0542, CAPE TOWN 0578). VORSTER DISMISSED THE CRITICISM AGAINST HIM, SAYING THAT THE COMMISSION WAS NOT APPOINTED TO SHAPE A POLICY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, AND INDICATING THAT HE DISAGREED WITH THE BASIC PHILOSOPHY OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT.

4. COMMENT. VORSTER'S APPROACH ON THIS OCCASION WAS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION HE HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST. BOWDLER

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